



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH TEXAS  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER *at* FORT WORTH

# Physical Therapy

## School of Health Professions

UNT Health Science Center is One University comprising six graduate colleges for health care providers, researchers and scientists. We have a strong culture based on values, and through Extraordinary Teamwork we produce leaders in health care and science who transform lives.

UNTHSC School of Health Professions offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program admitted the first cohort of students in 2010.

### What we do:

The DPT program will prepare you to practice as a Doctor of Physical Therapy in one of today's fastest growing and most rewarding health professions.

### How we do it:

The curriculum is 33 months and highlights:

- Well-rounded education in all aspects of contemporary physical therapy.
- Includes a course in Rural Health and underserved populations and has opportunities for clinical internships in rural areas.
- Learning in a research-intensive health science center environment.
- A low student-faculty ratio that ensures close contact with and continuous mentoring by physical therapy faculty.
- Interdisciplinary education experiences with students in medical school and physician assistant programs at the health science center.
- Opportunities to learn at various clinical sites across the DFW area and the nation, including opportunities to experience Physical Therapy in other countries.

### Why we do it:

Creating solutions for a healthier community by producing highly qualified entry-level doctors of physical therapy, and leading in education, professional services, and research activities.

### What makes a competitive candidate?

In reviewing applications for interview selection and acceptance, we evaluate many factors that help us examine the qualities applicants will bring to our program which would include:

- Academic background
- Understanding of the role of the PT
- Letters of recommendation
- Community service
- Honors, achievements and awards
- Other life experiences and extracurricular activities
- Applicant's personal interview

Although an applicant's entire academic record is considered, strong academic performance alone does not ensure acceptance. Evidence of personal integrity, maturity, motivation and dedication to join the profession are important factors in candidate selection. Communication, critical thinking skills and writing ability are also considered in the selection process. The above qualities are evaluated by several means, including letters of recommendation, the scope and nature of extracurricular activities (including work and volunteer experience), the scope and breadth of academic preparation and through the interview process.

### Am I eligible for the DPT program at HSC?

- Applicants must earn a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or Canada prior to matriculation into the DPT program. Applicants may have a degree in progress at the time of application, but must have a plan in place to have the degree conferred prior to matriculation.
- Applicants must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in the most recent 60 credit hours of coursework at the time of application as calculated through PTCAS.
- Applicants must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in our specifically required prerequisite coursework.
- Applicants must complete all of the prerequisite course requirements. Applicants may have coursework planned or in progress at the time of application, but must have a plan in place to have all coursework completed prior to matriculation.

***There are no waivers or exceptions to any of the admissions eligibility requirements.***

### What do I need in order to apply?

- **PTCAS Application-** Applicants must submit an application through The Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) offered through the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).
- **Letters of Recommendation-** Applicants must submit letters of professional reference through PTCAS. A minimum of two letters are required. A letter from a practicing PT is highly recommended.
- **\$50 Application Processing Fee-** Applicants must submit the non-refundable fee online through UNTHSC.

***Note: the GRE is not a requirement for admission and will not be considered in our selection process.***

Due to the limited number of seats and our policy of offering admissions on a rolling basis, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the application process early in our cycle. Applications will be reviewed in the order they become complete. An applicant's PTCAS must be verified and all application materials must be received before a file will be reviewed.

### What are the prerequisite requirements needed for the DPT program at HSC?

Prerequisite coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university in the United States. All science coursework must be intended for science majors. Courses with KIN, KINS, EXSS, PT or NURS prefixes are not typically intended for science majors and will not satisfy prerequisite requirements. Prerequisite courses may be in progress or planned at the time of your application, however, all prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to the beginning of the DPT curriculum.

### Required Coursework:

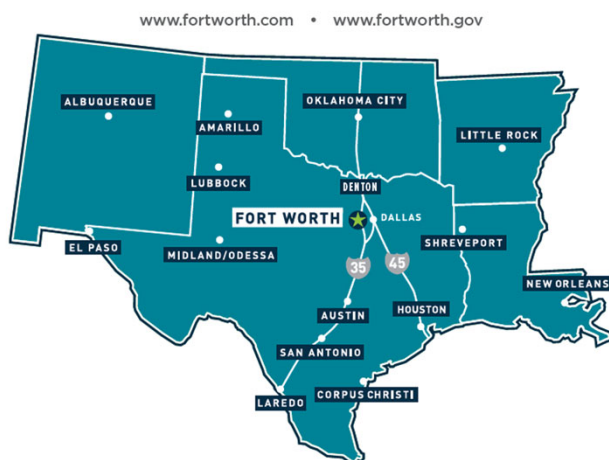
- Psychology – 3 Semester Credit Hours
- Biology – 3 Semester Credit Hours
- Chemistry with Lab – 8 Semester Credit Hours
- Physics with Lab – 8 Semester Credit Hours
- Anatomy with Lab\* – 4 Semester Credit Hours
- Physiology with Lab\* – 4 Semester Credit Hours

\*A combination of 8 semester credit hours of A&P coursework can be used to fulfill the requirements for Anatomy and Physiology.

***Note: There is no restriction on how long ago prerequisite courses were completed.***

- **Strongly Recommended Courses:** Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology, Statistics, Medical Terminology

***Note: These courses are not required for admission but may contribute to success in physical therapy education.***



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